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Application No. : **2,206,896**
Owner : TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA
Title : SCHEDULE SETTING AND PROCESSING SYSTEM
Classification : G06F-17/60
Your File No. : **PAT 15235TW-1**
Examiner : **Nicolas Marmet**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE PATENT RULES, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE PATENT ACT, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 4 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined as originally filed.

The number of claims in this application is 10.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

Reference Applied:

United States Patent
5,272,638 Dec. 21, 1993 Martin et al.

Martin et al. disclose a method for using a computer to determine a travel route based on a selected performance criteria from a plurality of possible travel routes connecting a plurality of destinations. Information is input describing the location of each destination to be visited and for each pair of destinations, a performance value for a connecting path therebetween is determined based on the selected performance criteria. Further, the system allow for the replanning and rescheduling of the travel routes based on changing road conditions, such as the occurrence of accidents.

The claims on file do not comply with Section 28.3 of the Patent Act. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to Martin et al.

Claim 1 is indefinite and does not comply with Subsection 27(4) of the Patent Act because the expression "a transfer order", at line 6, is vague.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

Under Section 29 of the Patent Rules, applicant is requisitioned to provide an identification of any prior art cited in respect of the corresponding United States and European Patent Office applications and the patent numbers, if granted. Amendment to avoid references cited abroad may expedite the prosecution. If the particulars are not available to the applicant, the reason why must be stated.

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